

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 MONDAY MAY 12, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 23 new fires reported yesterday. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Crews have searched approximately 90 percent of the 1,161 acre area.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

WALKER, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire 15 miles east of Cloudcroft, NM is burning in juniper, ponderosa and pinyon pine. Isolated torching was observed yesterday. Holding and improvement of control lines is planned for today.

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active fire behavior was observed in the north and west portions of the fire with backing and occasional individual tree torching observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WALKER	NM	LNF	3,434	60	5/13	355	12	12	0	19	340K
BOILER	NM	GNF	19,525	NR	UNK	51	2	4	0	0	30K

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** Look for warmer temperatures in the Southwest as high pressure strengthens over the area. High pressure building into the Southeast will cause gusty winds and low humidity from the Carolinas into northern Florida. Clouds and scattered showers are on tap for the interior and southern portions of Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny and warmer. Slight chance of a thunderstorm southeast NM and W. Texas.	50's, 60s and 70s mountains and north, 80s to mid 90s lower elevations and south.	15-30% eastern NM and west TX, 5-15% remainder.	Light terrain driven winds in AZ and western NM. SE to SW at 5-20 mph eastern NM and Texas.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT**

Often firefighters arrive on a fire after dark. This is recognized as Watchout Situation #2. Before safely fighting fire in country not seen in daylight, firefighters must be able to answer the following questions:

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?
  
- Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.
  
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.
  
- Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?
  
- Reduce the risks by:
  - Posting lookouts.
  - Checking communications.
  - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	14				3	4	21
	ACRES	13				1	351	365
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			20				20
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	14	0	1	0	4	4	23
	ACRES	13	0	20	0	1	351	385

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	129		133
	ACRES	20			672	433		1,125
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1		5	11	22
	ACRES	1	0	1		1	1	4
Northern California	FIRES				4	111	16	131
	ACRES				2,210	23	11	2,244
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	1	1	261	56	326
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	30	100	132
Northern Rockies	FIRES	400	1	13		66	17	497
	ACRES	2,547	0	690		16,320	1,370	20,927
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11		1	17	3	32
	ACRES		20		0	314	0	334
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9			5		14
	ACRES		4			17		21
Southwest	FIRES	89	30	12	1	238	101	471
	ACRES	85	2,810	1,288	1	5,540	649	10,373
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	10	27	1	43	17	108
	ACRES	123	2	1,665	200	233	462	2,685
Eastern Area	FIRES	775		66	16	5,940	302	7,099
	ACRES	51,375		3,597	685	96,838	5,219	157,714
Southern Area	FIRES	90		7	11	9,517	274	9,899
	ACRES	20,250		757	756	132,987	7,975	162,725
TOTAL	FIRES	1,371	68	127	37	16,332	797	18,732
	ACRES	74,401	2,838	7,998	4,524	252,736	15,787	358,284

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>30,823</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>627,190</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	129						129
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3,000	3,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	129	0	0	0	0	3,000	3,129

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	23	73	146	1		71	314
	ACRES	2,049	8,750	4,675	7		3,879	19,360
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	93	13		78	194
	ACRES	31	128	15,369	700		4,049	20,277
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	2		74	80
	ACRES		27	99	12		8,983	9,121
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	34	3	9	105	169
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,617	510	445	7,679	18,526
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	14	34
	ACRES	18	1,232	300		130	2,644	4,324
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	35	4	4		206	253
	ACRES	485	11,397	816	4,877		25,371	42,946
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	6	8	67	159
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	446	113	4,162	16,441
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		232	15	343	158	772
	ACRES	10,500		43,505	1,796	48,762	23,628	128,191
Southern Area	FIRES	50		232	36	11,445	1,067	12,830
	ACRES	8,979		81,939	56,497	705,160	826,008	1,678,583
TOTAL	FIRES	139	150	787	80	11,810	1,841	14,807
	ACRES	24,267	26,582	161,162	64,845	754,610	906,633	1,938,099

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						19,525	19,525
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	19,525	19,525

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	109	649
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	11
Alberta	6	6	70	167
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	2	4	68	306
Manitoba	1	6	208	13,663
Ontario	8	10	201	923
Quebec	6	7	110	218
Newfoundland	0	0	7	18
New Brunswick	0	0	47	63
Nova Scotia	0	0	79	194
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>16,212</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		4						6	
Northern California										
Southern California									23	311
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			1			24	3
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	14		7	9					41	16
Rocky Mountain			1	3						
Eastern Area	1								9	
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>330</b>

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